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TO: [REDACTED]

FROM: J. H. H.

SUBJECT: IAC Meeting, 22 May 1956

1. At its meeting today the IAC took the following actions which might be of interest to you:

a. Agreed to initiate a new NIE on Pakistan, scheduled for IAC consideration in early August. However, it was also agreed that the Board of National Estimates should consult the IAC at a later date to determine the desirability of adhering to the original schedule or postponing completion of the paper, with particular regard to consumer demands or any significant developments with respect to the national assembly of Pakistan.

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c. Approved, as amended, NIE 100-5-56, "Chinese Communist Capabilities in the Taiwan Straits Areas and Probable Courses of Action Over the Next Six Months". The members also noted the findings, as amended, and approved the recommendation of the post-mortem on this estimate. In addition, the IAC approved the validity study of NIE 100-4-56, "Communist Capabilities and Intentions with Respect to the Offshore Islands and Taiwan Through 1955, and Communist and Non-Communist Reactions with Respect to the Defense of Taiwan".

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2. We regard the release of NIE 51-56 as something of a milestone in the development of our exchange [REDACTED]. However, for your information, various of the IAC members indicated quite clearly in the course of the discussion that they were motivated largely by the prospect of stimulating reciprocity [REDACTED] with respect to intelligence on this important area. Their attitude toward releasing similar material in the future may therefore be influenced considerably by the nature and volume of the intelligence on this area which we receive [REDACTED].

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